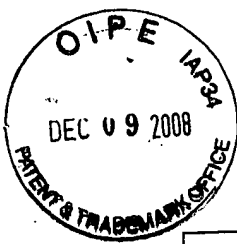


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

We are writing in response to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed November 7, 2008.

The applicants' response is provided in the Remarks/Arguments, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date appearing below.

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